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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABSs monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.50, \$4.20 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
June	9,924		41.8	9,773	8,945	42,869	36,144	486	486	421	413	29.4	26.9	175	176
1983-84—															
July	9,959		42.6	10,358	8,940	45,022	35,730	524	492	410	384	31.7	29.0	200	195
August	1,084	16,203	44.5	9,849	8,859	40,387	34,855	526	492	419	401	34.1	29.2	233	199
September	1,060		37.5	9,083	9,032	38,180	36,376	509	530	450	440	33.0	29.5	249	202
October	9,707		43.3	9,143	9,270	38,608	40,086	525	535	433	417	30.4	28.7	223	188
November	10,315	20,094	40.9	8,800	9,253	35,308	37,543	488	520	446	424	34.5	30.3	246	201
December	7,217		30.2	8,741	9,353	30,234	36,995	513	514	434	438	25.9	29.2	213	208
January	6,606		32.1	8,492	9,363	28,801	35,497	521	503	244	369	12.3	37.7	100	255
February	10,260	20,791	38.1	8,795	9,427	33,034	37,732	474	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,489		33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	37.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,919		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	427	26.7	31.8	152	183
May	11,799	n.y.a.	29.7	10,073	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	39.5	152	165
June	10,843		n.y.a.	10,169	9,379	42,108	36,043	530	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	162	174
1984-85—															
July	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	11,307	9,754	46,060	36,429	565	522	482	453	37.9	n.y.a.	198	194

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(e)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts '000 tonnes	% of total received by broker(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
June	3,583	3,106	888	944	15,846	13,216	175	177	373.8	274	562	30,584	72.8		
1983-84—															
July	3,126	2,792	669	696	12,905	11,376	172	175	375.7	346	543	41,698	80.6		
August	3,130	2,864	816	788	13,609	12,289	188	181	375.8	508	495	81,293	81.5	33,948	33,790
September	3,794	3,126	856	864	14,529	13,177	187	171	376.7	656	488	101,870	81.5		
October	2,943	2,642	903	826	12,750	11,631	180	170	378.7	769	480	106,978	80.0		
November	2,948	3,010	1,170	861	13,656	12,635	171	165	380.1	723	463	90,438	73.9	33,737	33,777
December	2,385	2,735	628	725	9,510	11,381	139	152	381.8	661	475	48,911	78.5		
January	869	2,490	565	929	5,337	13,677	135	155	383.8	551	469	33,962	75.0		
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	820	12,899	13,069	160	159	385.0	440	485	43,552	76.5	p34,185	p34,179
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	161	159	386.1	381	499	47,363	73.9		
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,627	12,960	144	157	p387.9	313	506	32,390	75.9		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	12,011	11,872	175	161	p390.3	293	570	34,959	78.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	14,367	12,862	174	190	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
1984-85—															
July	3,466	3,411	749	755	14,257	12,506	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1978. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1982-83— June	1,871	1,858			213		-695	503	10,748
1983-84— July	2,036	2,013			213		-511	627	10,868
August	1,958	2,014	4,494	4,388	213	115.8	-734	1,095	11,169
September	1,864	1,850			211		-634	380	10,672
October	1,988	1,923			209		-569	1,832	11,621
November	2,072	1,916	4,768	4,476	208	113.9	-401	896	12,009
December	2,021	1,786			207		-277	1,428	13,350
January	2,112	1,956			207		-420	257	12,796
February	1,994	2,012	4,978	4,812	206	p113.0	-605	332	12,373
March	2,109	1,650			205		-648	314	12,241
April	2,008	2,560	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	205		-193	109	12,217
May	2,153	2,560			p206	n.y.a.	-1,053	967	12,297
June	2,491	2,252			p208		-652	310	12,417
1984-85— July	n.y.a.	2,472			n.y.a.		-945	1,014	12,632

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(h) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1982-83—									38.0	36.3	11.9	11.2	4,004
May	3,417	3,416	5,064	5,210	3,380	3,386	1,635	1,752	39.3	36.2	11.7	9.9	4,011
June	3,315	3,460											
1983-84—									35.1	33.7	10.6	9.9	4,003
July	3,361	3,521							42.6	37.2	11.7	10.8	4,002
August	3,455	3,535	5,262	5,354	3,320	3,439	1,712	1,786	36.4	37.2	10.3	10.6	3,998
September	3,485	3,543							34.2	36.2	10.1	10.4	4,008
October	3,528	3,643							38.9	37.7	11.1	11.4	4,045
November	3,779	3,659	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.2	38.8	11.3	12.9	4,087
December	5,027	3,646							31.6	38.2	10.0	12.5	4,091
January	3,395	3,725							37.4	38.2	12.2	12.2	4,134
February	3,397	3,690	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.8	41.3	14.4	13.1	4,169
March	3,649	3,654							34.7	38.7	11.6	12.4	4,180
April	3,467	3,724							46.2	41.4	14.8	13.2	4,297
May	3,814	3,700	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p42.9	p41.4	p14.6	p13.1	n.y.a.
June	3,532	3,661											

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: March 1984 \$203m; April 1984 \$180m; May 1984 \$224m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Award rates of pay indexes(a), adult persons 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (b)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(c)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(d)
1982-83—													
April	343.30	226.7	184.9	1.19	127.3	124.2	117.8	126.0	127.1	126.4	128.5	161.1	112.0
May			184.9										
June			185.2										
1983-84—													
July			185.3										
August	349.70	228.30	185.3	1.20	129.4	125.6	117.8	127.4	129.1	130.9	131.2	164.5	113.2
September			185.3										
October			193.2										
November	362.00	237.20	193.2	1.34	132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
December			193.3										
January			193.3										
February	(e)370.60	(e)246.50	193.5	(f)1.05	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			193.5										
April			201.4										
May	p383.60	p256.60	201.4	(f)1.11	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
June			n.y.a.										

(a) New series. See Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982 (6312.0). (b) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (c) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (d) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0. (e) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, March Quarter 1984 (Preliminary)* (6301.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). (f) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6330.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total(a) \$ m		Dwellings commenced(a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/d)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
May	930.4	832.2	11.7	10.6	199.3	2,411.2	2,382.3	29.4	29.1	425.3	142.9	951.1	928.4	3,049.0	2,830.9
June	877.7	781.5	11.2	10.2	217.7					427.6	143.6				
1983-84—															
July	830.4	834.8	10.4	10.9	128.0					p429.9	p143.8				
August	1,014.5	953.0	12.4	11.7	186.9	2,781.4	2,647.2	31.7	30.3	p432.9	p144.4	822.6	835.6	2,708.0	2,763.1
September	978.1	952.2	12.5	12.3	156.3					p434.3	p145.5				
October	975.5	993.6	12.5	12.3	169.6					p437.3	p146.5				
November	992.7	917.4	12.9	11.9	217.0	2,831.0	2,953.4	34.5	33.9	p440.8	p147.5	932.9	832.2	2,697.2	2,519.2
December	888.3	943.7	12.0	13.2	185.2					p443.5	p148.0				
January	759.0	937.2	9.9	12.3	180.3					p446.4	p148.6				
February	957.8	1,039.4	12.9	13.7	147.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p451.5	p149.5	740.9	868.8	2,323.8	2,665.4
March	1,128.7	1,086.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					p457.6	p150.4				
April	1,007.6	1,106.7	12.1	12.6	237.1					p459.4	p151.3				
May	r1,308.9	r1,130.0	r15.8	13.8	236.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p462.9	p151.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
June	1,121.3	1,054.5	13.2	12.9	212.5					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	FINANCE												Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)		Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m		
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m				
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						Banks \$m	
1982-83— June	30,006	29,939	31,560	32,006	23,916	24,034	28,075	434	196	108	13.70		4,271
1983-84— July	30,352	30,470	31,432	32,189	24,010	23,878	28,207	395	182	98	13.45	483.9	3,354
August	31,034	31,098	31,373	31,890	23,980	24,001	28,191	488	217	110	13.55		4,091
September	31,528	31,661	31,629	31,902	24,256	24,215	28,271	448	211	118	12.60		2,952
October	31,822	31,934	31,923	31,847	24,928	24,603	28,203	474	236	117	12.00		3,399
November	32,091	32,189	32,234	31,906	25,231	25,135	28,333	570	314	142	11.00	446.0	4,182
December	32,091	32,189	32,234	31,906	25,231	25,135	28,333	570	314	142	11.00		3,626
January	33,181	33,009	32,952	32,499	25,642	25,555	28,516	467	303	131	11.60		4,420
February	33,861	33,480	32,554	32,429	25,351	25,557	28,247	483	274	122	12.05	155.6	4,230
March	34,308	33,778	32,999	32,728	25,560	25,779	28,259	627	340	145	12.35		4,381
April	33,899	33,804	33,414	33,025	25,336	26,207	28,370	600	368	155	12.70	n.y.a.	6,488
May	33,255	33,671	33,764	33,462	26,596	26,416	28,379	516	324	133	12.35		6,114
June	33,745	34,084	33,707	33,663	26,569	26,232	28,388	635	374	152	12.70		5,052
	34,328	34,257	33,749	34,303	26,444	26,577	28,871	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.25		
1984-85— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	34,458	35,148	26,921	26,772	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.25		n.y.a.

and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.6. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure													
	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Gross fixed capital expenditure	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Private	Public
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1982-83—														
March	38,742	41,262	1,112	1,427	37,630	39,835	24,822	25,943	7,087	7,626	5,159	5,730	2,889	3,322
June	40,495	41,535	712	1,395	39,783	40,140	25,830	26,121	7,825	7,483	6,063	5,746	4,012	3,430
1983-84—														
September	42,947	43,946	1,443	2,350	41,504	41,596	27,006	27,090	7,435	7,585	5,436	5,509	3,469	3,780
December	50,412	45,328	4,457	2,254	45,955	43,074	29,579	27,992	8,085	7,720	6,223	5,904	3,661	3,500
March	45,147	47,162	2,154	2,261	42,993	44,901	27,471	28,497	7,713	8,325	5,128	5,655	3,507	3,988
June	46,951	49,033	1,065	2,338	45,886	46,695	28,613	28,926	8,859	8,472	6,664	6,399	4,151	3,506
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1982-83—														
March	28,385	30,392	1,166	1,493	27,219	28,899	18,403	19,257	5,089	5,418	3,799	4,221	2,004	2,304
June	28,987	30,008	829	1,476	28,158	28,532	18,781	18,965	5,520	5,275	4,333	4,104	2,752	2,352
1983-84—														
September	30,568	31,405	1,486	2,171	29,082	29,234	19,252	19,341	5,261	5,360	3,887	3,941	2,365	2,577
December	35,741	31,765	3,907	2,082	31,834	29,683	20,696	19,558	5,438	5,260	4,394	4,171	2,429	2,321
March	30,839	32,300	1,926	2,050	28,913	30,250	18,882	19,612	5,250	5,602	3,631	4,006	2,309	2,626
June	31,373	33,035	1,086	2,143	30,287	30,892	19,462	19,652	5,773	5,518	4,619	4,433	2,669	2,253
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises													
	Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Companies	Other	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—														
March	6,557	6,586	5,923	6,044	3,772	4,389	7,540	8,325	22,006	23,204	132	11,295	6,480	26,953
June	6,852	6,913	6,200	6,132	4,586	4,842	7,002	8,235	22,984	22,760	-253	14,056	9,026	27,761
1983-84—														
September	7,395	7,232	6,513	6,563	5,215	5,197	9,370	9,920	22,900	23,030	458	12,695	5,204	30,849
December	7,153	7,203	6,912	6,803	6,188	5,226	13,020	9,931	25,330	24,328	3,223	15,227	5,610	38,170
March	7,634	7,696	6,999	7,050	5,461	6,226	9,621	10,283	21,810	24,485	1,045	12,913	7,062	30,707
June	8,120	8,199	7,411	7,339	5,887	6,201	8,383	10,394	25,880	25,913	-21	15,643	10,847	30,655

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)							JOB VACANCIES ('000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1982-83— June	4,349.0	4,379.7	2,610.7	2,625.6	6,959.7	7,005.3	407.9	205.8	79.4	424.5	268.7	693.2		
1983-84— July	4,362.1	4,378.2	2,620.1	2,632.1	6,982.2	7,010.3	407.0	192.3	87.9	429.0	258.2	687.2	(c)16.7	
August	4,333.3	4,369.6	2,594.6	2,621.2	6,927.9	6,990.8	409.5	197.9	79.5	429.7	257.1	686.8		
September	4,406.7	4,388.4	2,672.4	2,650.4	7,079.1	7,038.8	410.3	208.8	101.9	435.0	285.9	720.9		
October	4,359.3	4,379.8	2,630.0	2,634.6	6,989.3	7,014.4	384.5	183.0	85.6	400.8	252.3	653.1	(c)19.1	
November	4,352.6	4,388.7	2,649.7	2,647.9	7,002.3	7,036.6	365.5	176.7	82.6	385.9	238.9	624.7		
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0		
January	4,402.1	4,386.9	2,569.9	2,656.5	6,972.0	7,043.4	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4	(d)44.3	
February	4,436.2	4,401.4	2,668.0	2,657.1	7,104.2	7,058.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2		
March	4,457.1	4,431.0	2,748.2	2,697.9	7,205.3	7,128.9	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0		
April	4,422.2	4,433.3	2,733.5	2,727.5	7,155.8	7,160.9	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	676.7		
May	4,417.2	4,448.2	2,715.7	2,731.0	7,132.8	7,179.2	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.1	259.1	634.1		
1984-85— July	4,442.5	4,435.8	2,698.9	2,709.1	7,121.4	7,144.8	339.3	175.5	80.5	357.2	238.0	595.3		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see the November 1983 issue of 6231.0. (d) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Job Vacancies, Australia, February 1984* (6231.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

PERSONS ('000)														
Month	Australia													
	Government													
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(b)	Local	Total	Total
1983-- July	1,768.9	1,375.6	736.0	429.1	449.1	136.6	42.6	100.5	3,405.7	408.0	1,081.9	142.6	1,632.5	5,038.4
August	1,778.3	1,384.3	740.3	430.7	452.5	137.7	43.1	101.3	3,430.5	410.0	1,084.8	143.0	1,637.8	5,068.3
September	1,777.8	1,386.2	743.3	432.1	449.8	137.4	43.1	101.2	3,431.0	410.5	1,086.0	143.5	1,640.0	5,071.0
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5	5,084.2
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3	5,116.0
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3	1,630.8	5,111.8

(a) New Series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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